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### **3 Mexican Nationals Sentenced on Immigration Charges**

**Columbia, South Carolina** ---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated today that Axol Sanchez-Ignacio, age 53, Alberto Mendez-Perez, age 41, and Felix Delfino-Sanchez, age 42, all of Mexico and Orangeburg, SC, were sentenced today in federal court on the charge of being aliens who knowingly and illegally entered the United States and eluded examination and inspection by immigration officers, a violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1325(a). United States District Judge Margaret B. Seymour sentenced each of them to time served and they were transferred into the custody of the Department of Homeland Security for deportation proceedings.

Evidence presented at the earlier change of plea hearing established that on February 24, 2011, Axol Sanchez-Ignacio, Alberto Mendez-Perez, Felix Delfino-

Sanchez and Abdi Reynosa-Bravo were arrested at a residence on Halford Lane in Orangeburg County and charged with a state marijuana violation after an investigation revealed a package shipped to that address contained marijuana. Further investigation revealed that all four men were in the United States illegally. Therefore, all four were charged with federal immigration violations.

Co-defendant Abdi Reynosa-Bravo, age 26, plead to the federal immigration charge and is awaiting sentencing. Reynosa-Bravo is currently serving an 18 month sentence for state marijuana charge.

The case was investigated by agents of the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Department. Assistant United States Attorney Stacey D. Haynes of the Columbia office handled the case.

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